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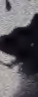

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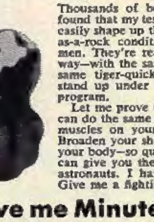

says JOHN SILL

I added 7 inches to MY CHEST, 3½ INCHES to EACH ARM. No, Pal, You don't have to be a chicken-chested skinny weakling like I was only a few weeks ago.

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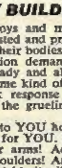
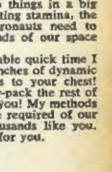
says Felipe Mendoza





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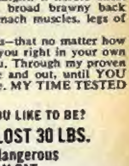

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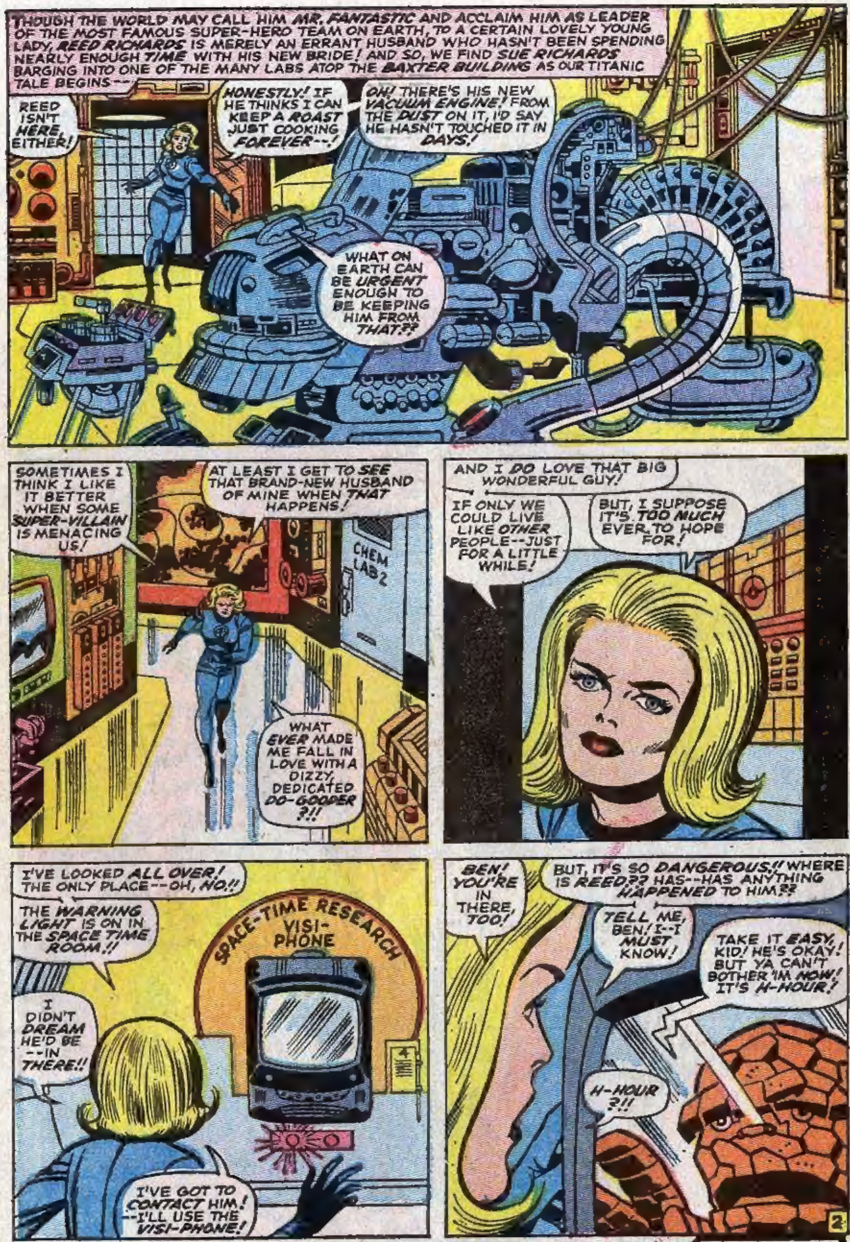

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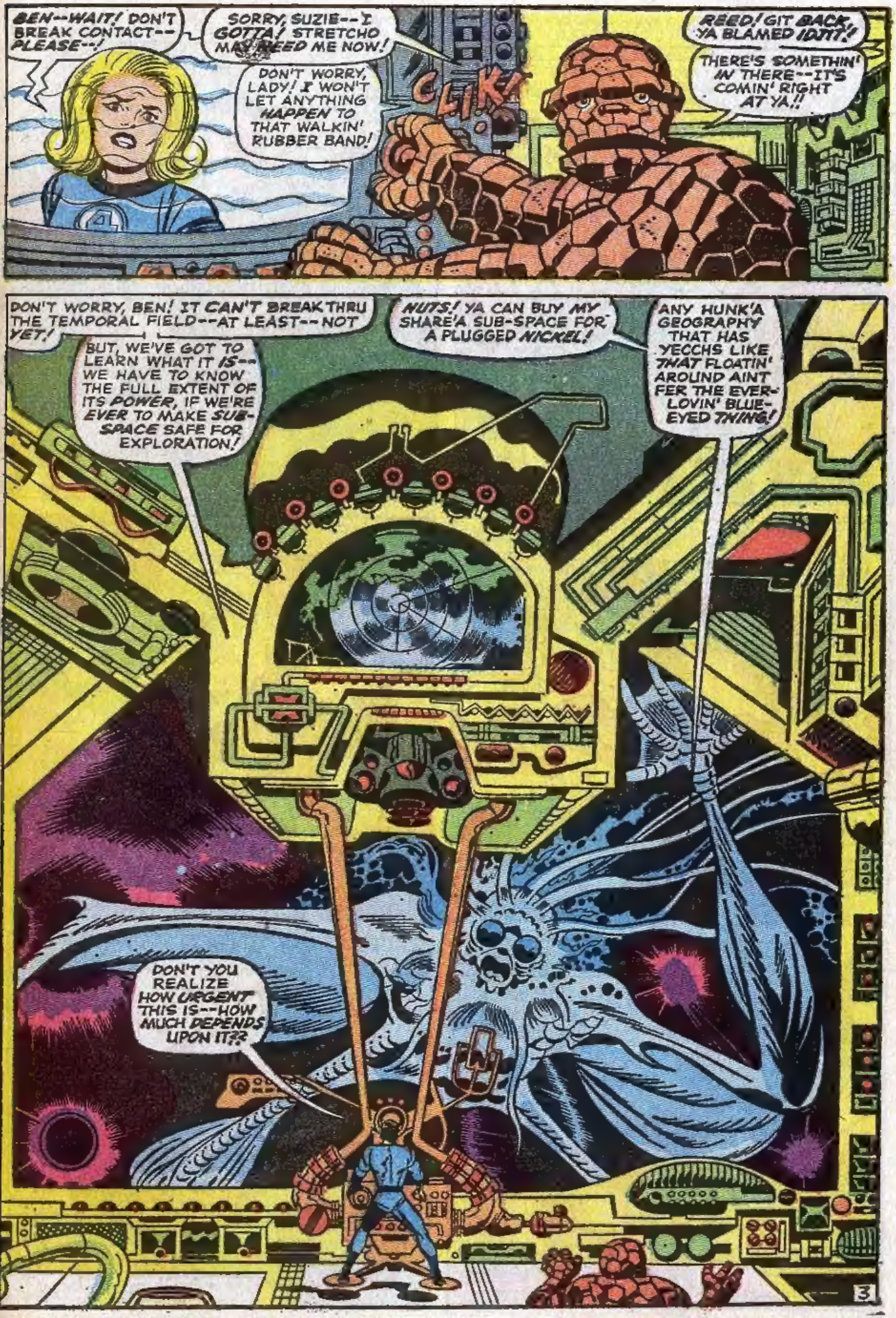
BEN--WAIT! DON'T BREAK CONTACT-- PLEASE--!
SORRY, SUZIE--I GOTTA! STRETCHO MAY NEED ME NOW!
DON'T WORRY, LADY! I WON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THAT WALKIN' RUBBER BAND!
CLIK!
REED! GIT BACK, YA BLAMED IDJIT!!
THERE'S SOMETHIN' IN THERE--IT'S COMIN' RIGHT AT YA!!
DON'T WORRY, BEN! IT CAN'T BREAK THRU THE TEMPORAL FIELD--AT LEAST--NOT YET!
BUT, WE'VE GOT TO LEARN WHAT IT IS-- WE HAVE TO KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF ITS POWER, IF WE'RE EVER TO MAKE SUB-SPACE SAFE FOR EXPLORATION!
NUTS! YA CAN BUY MY SHARE'A SUB-SPACE FOR A PLUGGED NICKEL!
ANY HUNK'A GEOGRAPHY THAT HAS YECCHS LIKE THAT FLOATIN' AROUND AINT FER THE EVER-LOVIN' BLUE-EYED THING!
DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW URGENT THIS IS--HOW MUCH DEPENDS UPON IT??

SUB-SPACE IS A VAST, UNKNOWN UNIVERSE--CONTAINING THE ANSWER TO A MILLION AGE-OLD QUESTIONS!
YEAH? GIMME A FER--INSTANCE!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE INHUMANS, BEN--TRAPPED BEHIND THAT UNBREAKABLE NEGATIVE ZONE?
CRYSTAL IS STILL IN THERE--AND POOR JOHNNY WILL NEVER BE THE SAME TILL HE'S FOUND HER AGAIN!
I WANT TO HELP HIM, BEN! I YET MAY FIND AN ENTRANCE--THRU SUB-SPACE ITSELF!
AND ALL THIS TIME THE KID THINKS YA FORGOT ALL ABOUT 'IM! HE'S OUT TRYIN' TO FIND 'ER HIMSELF!
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN! IT'S ALWAYS ON MY MIND--JUST AS I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU, OLD FRIEND!
I'LL NEVER REST TILL I'VE FOUND THE FORMULA FOR CHANGING YOU BACK TO YOUR NORMAL SELF AGAIN--PERMANENTLY!
I'M ALL SHOOK UP, STRETCHO!
BUT, JUST BETWEEN US--I'M BEGINNIN' TO FEEL LIKE THIS IS MY NORMAL LOVEABLE SELF!
HEY! NOW WHAT ARE YA DOIN'??!
I'M TRYING TO GET THAT APPARITION ON FILM--FOR FUTURE ANALYSIS! QUICK--RECORD ANY SOUNDS IT MAKES!
IT'S A BLASTED HAM! LISTEN TO THE RACKET IT'S MAKIN' NOW!
NO, BEN! THAT'S NOT THE CREATURE FROM SUB-SPACE! IT'S SOME SORT OF SONIC BOOM--!
EEEOOOO
WATCH OUT FOR THE SHOCK WAVE!!
NOW HE TELLS ME!
AND, ON THE ROOF OF THE F.F. HEADQUARTERS, A MERCILESS, HUMORLESS CHUCKLE RINGS OUT--
THEY'RE TRAPPED! I'VE SEALED THEM INSIDE THEIR LABORATORY WITH AN UNBREAKABLE WALL OF SOLIDIFIED SUB-SONIC WAVES!
ZZIT!
THEY NEVER EXPECTED TO BE MENACED BY KLAW, THE MASTER OF SOUND, AGAIN! THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD DESTROYED ME IN THE HEART OF AFRICA!*
BUT, I EMERGED FROM MY SOUND CONVERTER FAR STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE--THIRSTING FOR REVENGE!
THE BLACK PANTHER MIGHT NOW BE ANYWHERE ON EARTH! AND, IF HE IS WITH THE FANTASTIC FOUR, BELOW, THEN THEY WILL ALL PERISH--TOGETHER!
*F.F. #53--SPECIFIC STAN.

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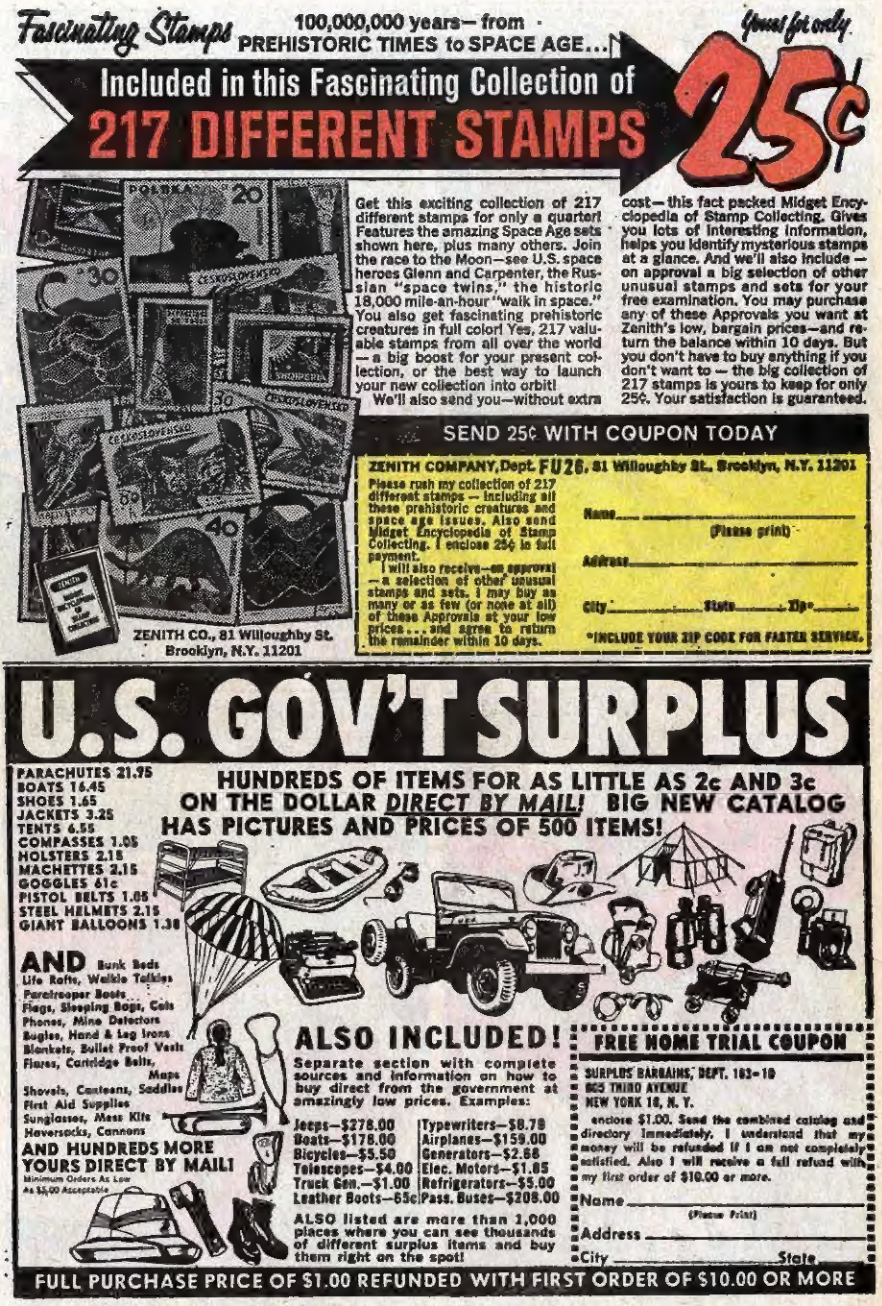

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YOU ALL CALL ME MAD--MAXIMUS THE MADMAN--AND YET, ONLY I KNOW HOW TO GET THRU THE NEGATIVE ZONE! ONLY A MADMAN KNOWS THE ANSWER!
BUT I'LL NEVER TELL! BLACK BOLT DEFEATED ME--HE TOOK AWAY MY CROWN--MY THRONE--SO THIS SHALL BE MY REVENGE! YOU'RE ALL TRAPPED HERE WITH MAXIMUS--FOREVER!
BUT BLACK BOLT SPARED YOUR EVIL LIFE! IF NOT FOR HIM, YOU'D HAVE BEEN SLAIN FOR TREASON!
BUT YOU CANNOT KILL ME NOW! ONLY I KNOW THE SECRET!
GET OUT! OUT, YOU CRAVEN, SOULLESS, MURDERING FIEND!
EVEN THE MERCY OF BLACK BOLT WON'T SAVE YOU FOR LONG!
SOONER OR LATER OUR PATIENCE WILL REACH THE BREAKING POINT! SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL BE MADE TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE--TO ALL OF US!
WHAP!
NO! NO! NONE MAY HARM MAXIMUS! I WAS BORN TO BE KING--BORN TO RULE! KING! KING! KING!
IT WAS YOUR INSATIABLE LUST FOR POWER THAT DROVE YOU MAD--THAT KEEPS YOU MAD!
YOU'LL NEVER BE KING WHILE BLACK BOLT LIVES, DO YOU HEAR? NEVER!
NOT IF WE MUST REMAIN TRAPPED HERE FOREVER!
BUT THEN, WITH MAXIMUS GONE, THE SCARLET-TRESSED BEAUTY TURNS AWAY--UNABLE TO SPEAK--ASHAMED OF THE TEARS WELLING UP WITHIN HER SORROW-HAUNTED EYES...
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US?? WE ONCE WERE HAPPY HERE--IN OUR HIDDEN LAND--!
WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT!
WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE ENTERED THE WORLD OUTSIDE--OR LET THE OUTSIDERS COME HERE!
OUR WHOLE WORLD IS IN JEOPARDY--AND THERE'S NO TELLING--HOW IT WILL END!
BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE--TOO LATE FOR ANYTHING!
BUT, IF YOU THINK THE INHUMANS HAVE TROUBLE, LET'S RETURN TO OUR FROLICSOME FOURSOME ONCE MORE--
NOW, ALL I NEED DO IS CAPTURE HER! SHE WILL MAKE A PERFECT HOSTAGE FOR ME, UNTIL THEY DELIVER THE BLACK PANTHER SO THAT I CAN DESTROY HIM!
THE FLAMING MEMBER OF THIS ACCURSED QUARTET IS MISSING, BUT I HAVE SEPARATED THE GIRL FROM THE OTHER TWO BY MEANS OF MY UNBREAKABLE SONIC WALL!
THUS, ALL I NEED DO IS SHATTER THE GLASS INWARD, WITH A SIMPLE SONIC THRUST!
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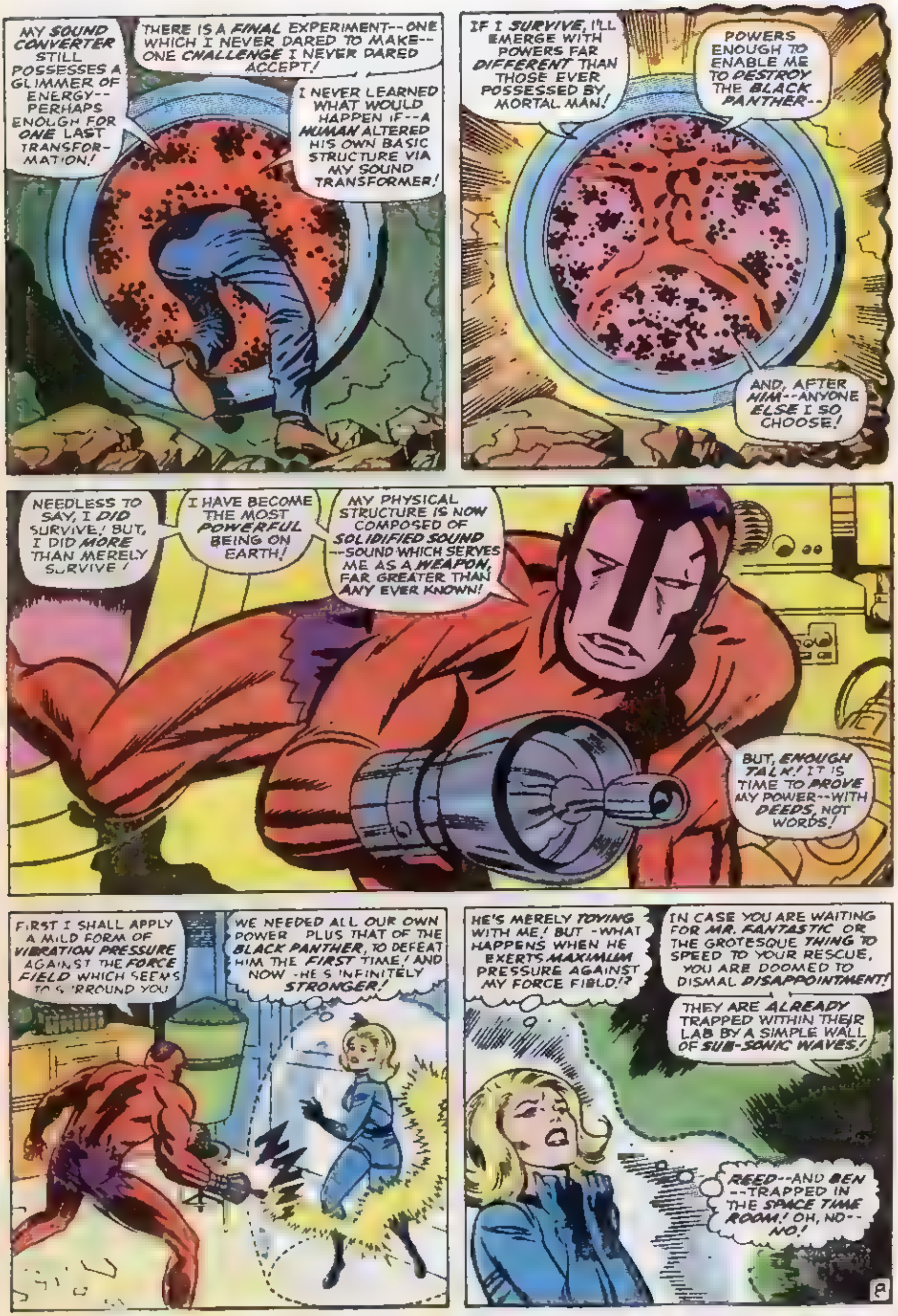
SPLANG!
A SONIC BLAST! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
LUCKILY, I THREW UP MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD IN TIME TO SHIELD ME FROM THE FLYING GLASS--!
BUT, WHO CAN IT BE??
WHOEVER IT IS, I'VE GOT TO HOLD HIM OFF WHILE REED AND BEN ARE IN THE SPACE TIME ROOM!
DO NOT FEAR, MRS. RICHARDS, I HAVE NO WISH TO HARM YOU--SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT PROVE NECESSARY!
WH-WHO ARE YOU--?
I? I AM A DEDICATED ENEMY OF THE ACCURSED BLACK PANTHER--AND, SINCE THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE CHOSEN TO BE HIS FRIENDS--
THEN KLAW, THE MASTER OF SOUND, IS YOUR ENEMY, AS WELL!
KLAW!! OF COURSE! BUT--WE THOUGHT--YOU HAD PERISHED--!
NOT SO, MY LOVELY! I--
WAIT! WHAT IS THIS??
AHHH! I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR STRANGE POWERS--ABOUT THE UNSEEN FORCE FIELD WHICH IS YOUR GREATEST WEAPON--AND GREATEST DEFENSE!
BUT, ALAS--IT WILL NOT SERVE TO PROTECT YOU FROM MY SONIC POWERS!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?? WHAT DO YOU WANT??
REVENGE IS MY GOAL! REVENGE AGAINST THE ONE WHO HAS EVER FRUSTRATED MY PLANS FOR CONQUEST--FOR ULTIMATE SUPREMACY! REVENGE AGAINST THE BLACK PANTHER--AND ANY WHO SEEK TO AID HIM!
IT WAS HE WHO DESTROYED MY LABORATORY IN THE LAND OF THE WAKANDAS--WHO DESTROYED THE FRUITS OF YEARS OF LABOR--YEARS OF TOIL!
IT WOULD TAKE ME ANOTHER LIFETIME TO REPLACE MY EQUIPMENT--MY INVINCIBLE WEAPONS!
BUT, I'M NOT BEATEN YET! I'LL STILL FIND A WAY TO MAKE MANKIND GROVEL AT MY FEET! I'LL STILL BE MASTER OF ALL!


MY SOUND CONVERTER STILL POSSESSES A GLIMMER OF ENERGY-- PERHAPS ENOUGH FOR ONE LAST TRANSFORMATION!
THERE IS A FINAL EXPERIMENT--ONE WHICH I NEVER DARED TO MAKE-- ONE CHALLENGE I NEVER DARED ACCEPT!
I NEVER LEARNED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF--A HUMAN ALTERED HIS OWN BASIC STRUCTURE VIA MY SOUND TRANSFORMER!
IF I SURVIVE, I'LL EMERGE WITH POWERS FAR DIFFERENT THAN THOSE EVER POSSESSED BY MORTAL MAN!
POWERS ENOUGH TO ENABLE ME TO DESTROY THE BLACK PANTHER--
AND, AFTER HIM--ANYONE ELSE I SO CHOOSE!
NEEDLESS TO SAY, I DID SURVIVE! BUT, I DID MORE THAN MERELY SURVIVE!
I HAVE BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL BEING ON EARTH!
MY PHYSICAL STRUCTURE IS NOW COMPOSED OF SOLIDIFIED SOUND --SOUND WHICH SERVES ME AS A WEAPON, FAR GREATER THAN ANY EVER KNOWN!
BUT, ENOUGH TALK! IT IS TIME TO PROVE MY POWER--WITH DEEDS, NOT WORDS!
FIRST I SHALL APPLY A MILD FORM OF VIBRATION PRESSURE AGAINST THE FORCE FIELD WHICH SEEMS TO SURROUND YOU
WE NEEDED ALL OUR OWN POWER PLUS THAT OF THE BLACK PANTHER, TO DEFEAT HIM THE FIRST TIME! AND NOW -HE'S INFINITELY STRONGER!
HE'S MERELY TOYING WITH ME! BUT -WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE EXERTS MAXIMUM PRESSURE AGAINST MY FORCE FIELD!?
IN CASE YOU ARE WAITING FOR MR. FANTASTIC OR THE GROTESQUE THING TO SPEED TO YOUR RESCUE, YOU ARE DOOMED TO DISMAL DISAPPOINTMENT!
THEY ARE ALREADY TRAPPED WITHIN THEIR LAB BY A SIMPLE WALL OF SUB-SONIC WAVES!
REED--AND BEN --TRAPPED IN THE SPACE TIME ROOM! OH, NO-- NO!
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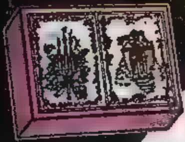

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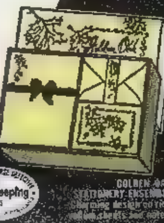

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THEN STAND BACK, STRETCHO!
MEBBE I AINT AS FLIP WITH THE TWENTY-DOLLAR WORDS AS YOU ARE BUT THERE'S NOTHIN' CAN KEEP BASHFUL BENJAMIN ANYWHERE WHEN HE WANTS OUT!
YOU BEEN SAYIN' YOU WANTED TO SWAP THIS OVER-SIZE TRANSFORMER FOR A NEW MODEL ANYWAY!
BEN! STOP! HOLD IT! YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING--! WAIT! LISTEN TO ME BEN.
SKRUNCH!
RELAX, LOVER BOY! YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT I DID WRONG AFTER WE'RE OUTTA HERE
BESIDES HOW COME IT'S ALWAYS ME WHO DON'T REALIZE WHAT HE'S DOIN'?
YOU TRYIN TO GIMME A COMPLEX, OR SOMETHIN??
I JUST REMEMBERED! WE FOUGHT SOMEONE WITH SONIC POWER ONLY RECENTLY--! IF THERE'S A FEEDBACK--!
YOU 'N YER BIG MOUTH!
YA PUT A BLASTED WHAMMY ON US!

I--TRIED TO--WARN YOU, BEN--!
I KNEW WE COULDN'T--OVERCOME THE FEEDBACK!
AWRIGHT, AWRIGHT! SO MEBBE I AIN'T 100% PERFECT! GOWAN--CALL ME A DUMB LOWLIFE--I GOT IT COMIN'!
NEVER SAY THAT AGAIN, BEN! YOU'RE THE GREATEST PARTNER A MAN COULD HAVE--AND DON'T THINK I DON'T KNOW IT!
RATS! I LIKE IT BETTER WHEN YA PUT ME DOWN! I'M MORE USED TO THAT!
ANYHOW, WADDA WE DO NEXT?
WE START USING OUR HEADS, BIG FELLA!
EVEN THOUGH THE LAB IS SEALED OFF, IT'S STILL PACKED WITH INVALUABLE EQUIPMENT!
WELL, WHAT'S HOLDIN' YA UP?
JUST GRAB A COUPLE'A FRAMMISTATS, 'N ATTACH 'EM TO A FEW DOONICKEYS, 'N WE'LL GO WALTZIN' OUTTA HERE!!
C'MON BEN, LET'S BE SERIOUS!
CHEEE! A FINE SUPER-HERO YOU ARE!
BUT, THERE IS ONE THING WE CAN TRY--EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE DANGEROUS!
YEAH? DANGEROUS FER WHO?
FOR YOU, I'M AFRAID! SINCE YOU'RE THE STRONGER OF US, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL HAVE TO ATTEMPT IT!
HOW COME YA NEVER COOK UP ANY GITMOS THAT WORK BETTER ON GUYS WHO CAN STRETCH ??
WHAT IN BLAZES IS THIS, ANYWAY?
IT'S A CRUDE VERSION OF A COUNTER-SONIC HARNESS!
OH WELL--ASK A DOPEY QUESTION--!
IT WILL SERVE TO LESSEN THE FEEDBACK FOR A FEW SECONDS!
HOPEFULLY, IT WILL ALLOW YOU JUST TIME ENOUGH TO PLOW THRU THE DOOR!
PLOW THRU IT? I CAN'T EVEN SEE IT!
IT'S STRAIGHT AHEAD, FELLA! GET SET--NOW GO!
WHEN YOU HIT--IF THE PRESSURE IS TOO GREAT--IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN'T MAKE IT--FLING YOURSELF BACK!
THANKS, STRINGBEAN!
YOU GOTTA SWELL WAY OF MAKIN' A GUY FEEL REAL CONFIDENT!
THUMP!
11

PAKTHOOM
I MADE IT! BUT, WHAT GOOD'LL THIS DO REED?? HE'S STILL TRAPPED BACK IN THERE--SAME AS BEFORE!
KRAKK!
SKLTCH!
MEANWHILE, AROUND THE CORNER AND DOWN THE HALL.
NOW THAT YOU'VE WITNESSED MY INVINCIBLE POWER, YOU MUST REALIZE THE FOLLY OF FURTHER RESISTANCE!
THEREFORE I COMMAND YOU--CONTACT THE BLACK PANTHER!
WHEN HE LEARNS OF YOUR PLIGHT, HE IS CERTAIN TO RUSH TO YOUR AID--TO RUSH RIGHT INTO THE FINAL TRAP OF THE MASTER OF SOUND!
NO! I'LL NEVER HELP YOU--NEVER!
YOU FOOL! YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!
THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER CHOICE! YOU CAN'T FORCE ME TO BETRAY A FRIEND IF YOU CAN'T FIND ME! I'LL ESCAPE YOU YET!
BY TURNING INVISIBLE?? THEN, YOU STILL DON'T FULLY COMPREHEND THE AWESOME EXTENT OF MY POWER!
I'VE GOT TO REACH REED! HE'LL FIND SOME WAY TO OVERCOME KLAW!
MY MASTERY OF SOUND ENABLES ME TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING - AND I SHALL NOW DEMONSTRATE, TO PROVE HOW UNBEATABLE I TRULY AM!
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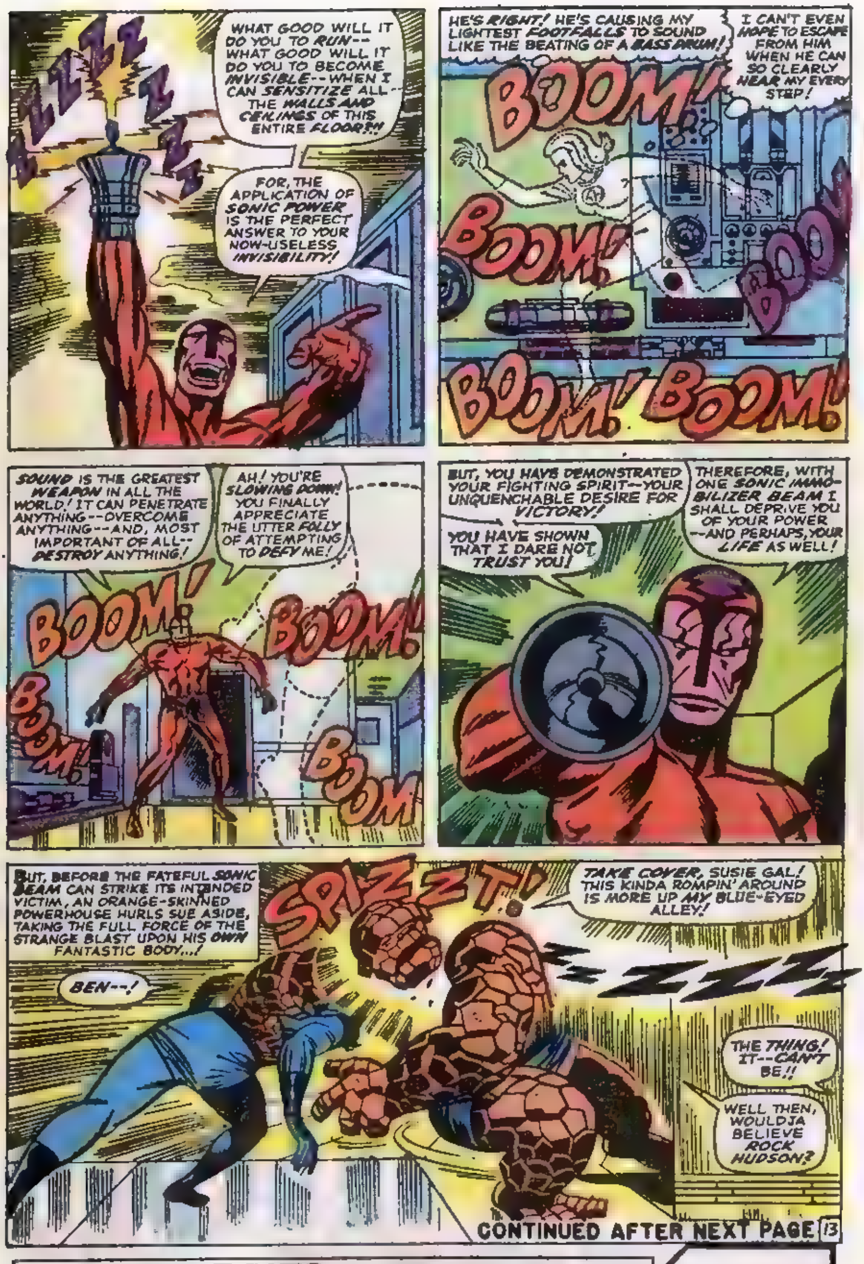

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HI-YO SILVER, AWAY! LET'S ROUND UP SOME OTHER SATURDAY TREATS. WE'RE ON AT 11:30 AM, WITH TONTO AND TAKA, THE EAGLE, FACING NEW WILD WEST TERRORS. AT NOON SEE THE ROAD RUNNER, THEN AT 12:30 THE ZANY NEW COMEDY TEAM, THE BEAGLES, AND AT 1 PM TOM & JERRY.
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IF YA THINK THAT NUTTY OVERSIZED KAZOO IS GONNA STOP ME--!
IT HAS TO STOP YOU! IT CAN STOP A HERD OF BUFFALO! IT CAN FELL THE TALLEST REDWOOD!
IT'S THE CONCENTRATED, SOLIDIFIED, CONVERTED ENERGY OF PURE SOUND!
YEAH? I'LL TRY'N REMEMBER THAT WHILE I'M CLOBBERIN' YA!
WISH I FELT AS SURE OF MYSELF AS I'M TRYIN' TO SOUND! THAT BLASTED GIZMO OF HIS IS MAKIN' ME FEEL AS WEAK AS A YANCY STREETER!
I'LL APPLY MORE POWER--MORE--STILL MORE! I'LL STOP YOU YET!
IT CANNOT AFFECT ME--BUT NO OTHER LIVING BEING CAN BEAR IT!
HIGHER AND HIGHER--STRONGER AND STRONGER, GROWS THE INDESCRIBABLE INTENSITY OF KLAW'S AWESOME SONIC BEAM--UNTIL THE ENTIRE BAXTER BUILDING IS ENGULFED IN A SHIMMERING, SPINE-TINGLING AURA OF SHEER DISCORDANT VIBRA ENERGY...!
BUT, SUCH AN UNRESTRAINED APPLICATION OF SEETHING FORCE CANNOT LONG BE CONTAINED! AND, SO IT IS, SECONDS LATER--
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED??
EVERY LIGHT IN THE CITY--BLEW OUT--AT THE SAME EXACT INSTANT!
IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF MAMMOTH POWER FAILURE!
WHATEVER HAPPENED--IT CAME FROM THE TOP OF THE BAXTER BUILDING!
IT'S THE FF's FAULT! THEM AND THEIR WEIRDO EXPERIMENTS!
BUT FURTHER AWAY THAN YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, ANOTHER EQUALLY MYSTIFYING EVENT IS TAKING PLACE, AS WE FIND JOHNNY STORM, WYATT WINGFOOT, AND THE UNCANNY CANINE CREATURE KNOWN AS LOCKJAW--
I DON'T KNOW WHERE LOCKJAW HAS BROUGHT US NOW, WITH THAT DIZZY DIMENSIONAL-TRANSPORT POWER OF HIS--BUT I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT ONE THING--
WHEREVER WE ARE--IT'S NOT ANY PLACE THAT EXISTS ON THE PLANET EARTH!
IT'S TOO BAD, JOHNNY!
YOU KEEP HOPING HE WILL LEAD YOU TO THE TRAPPED INHUMANS, SO THAT YOU CAN FIND THE GIRL YOU LOVE AGAIN--
YET, EACH DIMENSIONAL JOURNEY SEEMS TO TAKE US FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY FROM OUR GOAL.
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AND YET, I'VE GOT TO STAY WITH LOCKJAW--TO FOLLOW WHERE-EVER HE GOES!
ONLY HE HAS THE POWER TO PASS THRU THE BARRIER THAT IMPRISONS THE INHUMANS-- THE BARRIER BEHIND WHICH CRYSTAL STILL IS TRAPPED!
YET, IT SEEMS HE HAS BEEN TRAINED TO KEEP OTHERS AWAY FROM THE GREAT REFUGE!
HE IS MERELY DOING WHAT HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT!
I WONDER...
WE ARE MERELY STRANGERS TO HIM! THERE IS NO REASON FOR LOCKJAW TO OBEY US--TO WISH TO HELP US!
BUT, IF WE WERE TO WIN HIS CONFIDENCE--HIS TRUST--IF THERE WERE SOME WAY FOR US TO TRAIN HIM, JUST AS THE OTHERS HAVE TRAINED HIM--
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, WYATT! WHY CAN'T WE MAKE A LOYAL PET OF HIM--JUST AS THE INHUMANS DID?!
BUT, IT'LL REQUIRE PATIENCE--KINDNESS--AND A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF ANIMAL TRAINING!
BUT, WHO IS BETTER EQUIPPED FOR THE TASK THAN I? HAVE I NOT THE BLOOD OF THE COMANCHE IN MY VEINS? DID MY FOREFATHERS NOT TAME THE WILD STALLION--DID THEY NOT--WAIT!!
HE IS NATURALLY CAUTIOUS--OVERLY SUSPICIOUS! IN TRYING TO PAT HIM, I RECEIVED SOME SORT OF SUDDEN ENERGY SHOCK!
I'M AFRAID IT'S HOPELESS, BIG BUDDY!
HOPELESS? A STRANGE WORD TO HEAR FROM YOU, JOHNNY!
HE DOES NOT DECEIVE ME! HE FEARS THAT LOCKJAW MAY INJURE ME--HENCE HE WANTS ME TO FORSAKE MY PLAN! BUT, I MUST NOT!
IF THE DOG HAS COME TO THIS FORSAKEN WORLD, HE MUST HAVE A PURPOSE! I SUSPECT IT IS TO OBTAIN FOOD--FOOD SUCH AS EARTH CAN NEVER PROVIDE!
YOU MEAN--THOSE WHACKY-LOOKING THINGS GROWING OVER THERE--?
WELL, IT'S A CHANCE! I'LL BURN SOME OFF!
YOUR POWER OF FLAME IS TRULY CONVENIENT, JOHNNY--AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
SURE, PAL! I'M JUST A WALKIN', TALKIN' CHARCOAL GRILL!
I THINK WE HAVE GUESSED CORRECTLY! HE'S COMING TOWARDS THE STRANGE STEMS WITH GREAT EAGERNESS IN HIS EYES!
LET'S HOPE IT'S THE STEMS HE'S AFTER--AND NOT US!
WOW! I'LL SAY YOU WERE RIGHT! HE'S STARTING TO CHOMP 'EM DOWN LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW!
NOTICE HOW HE SEEMS TO RELEASE BOLTS OF ENERGY AS HE EATS! HE'S FOUND THE PERFECT FOOD!
ONCE HIS BELLY IS FULL, IT SHOULD BE EASIER FOR US TO WIN HIM OVER! AND THEN, WITH LUCK--ON TO THE INHUMANS!
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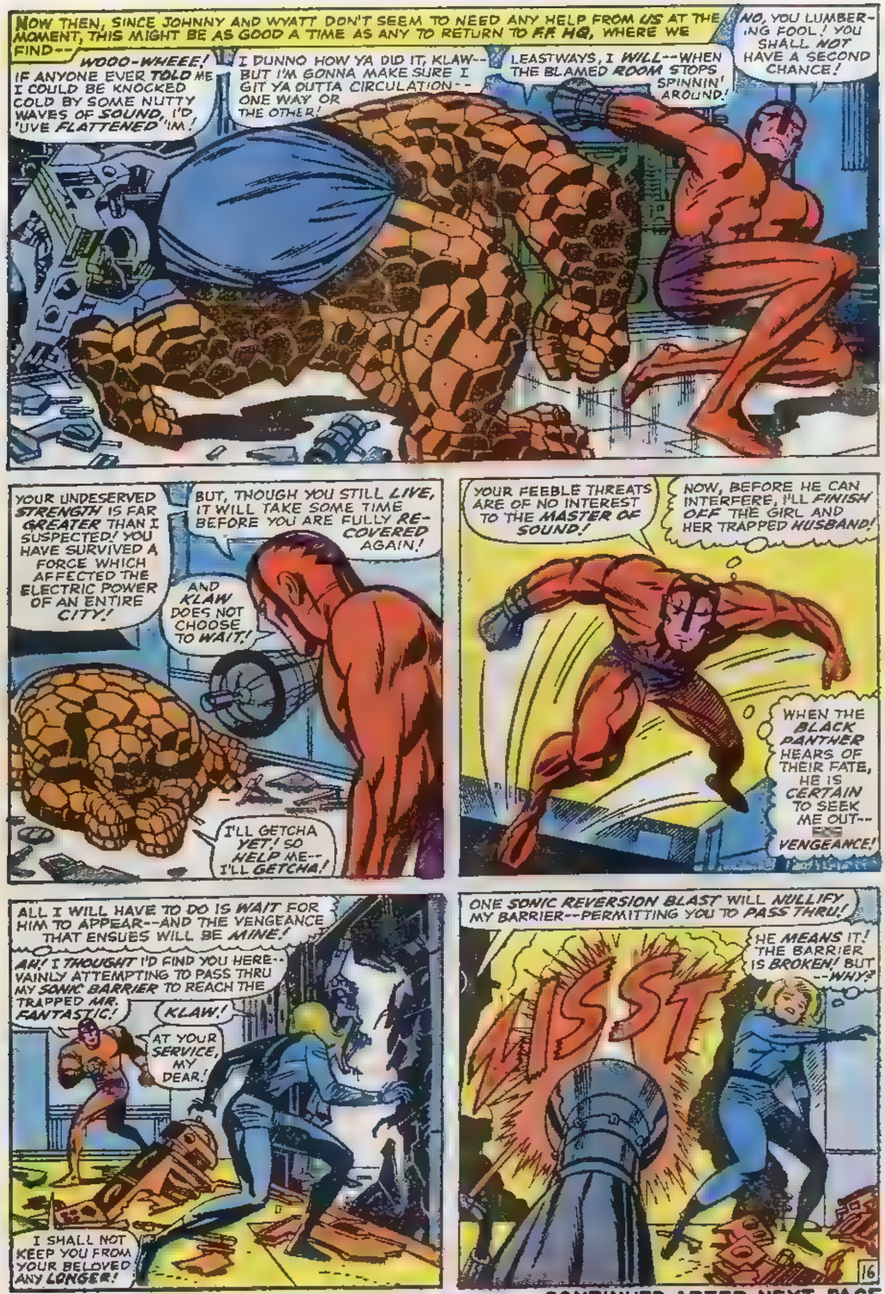

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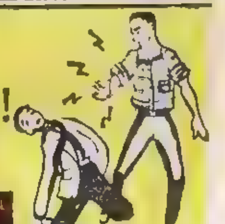

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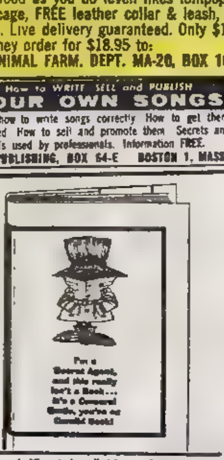

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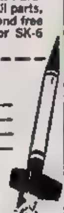

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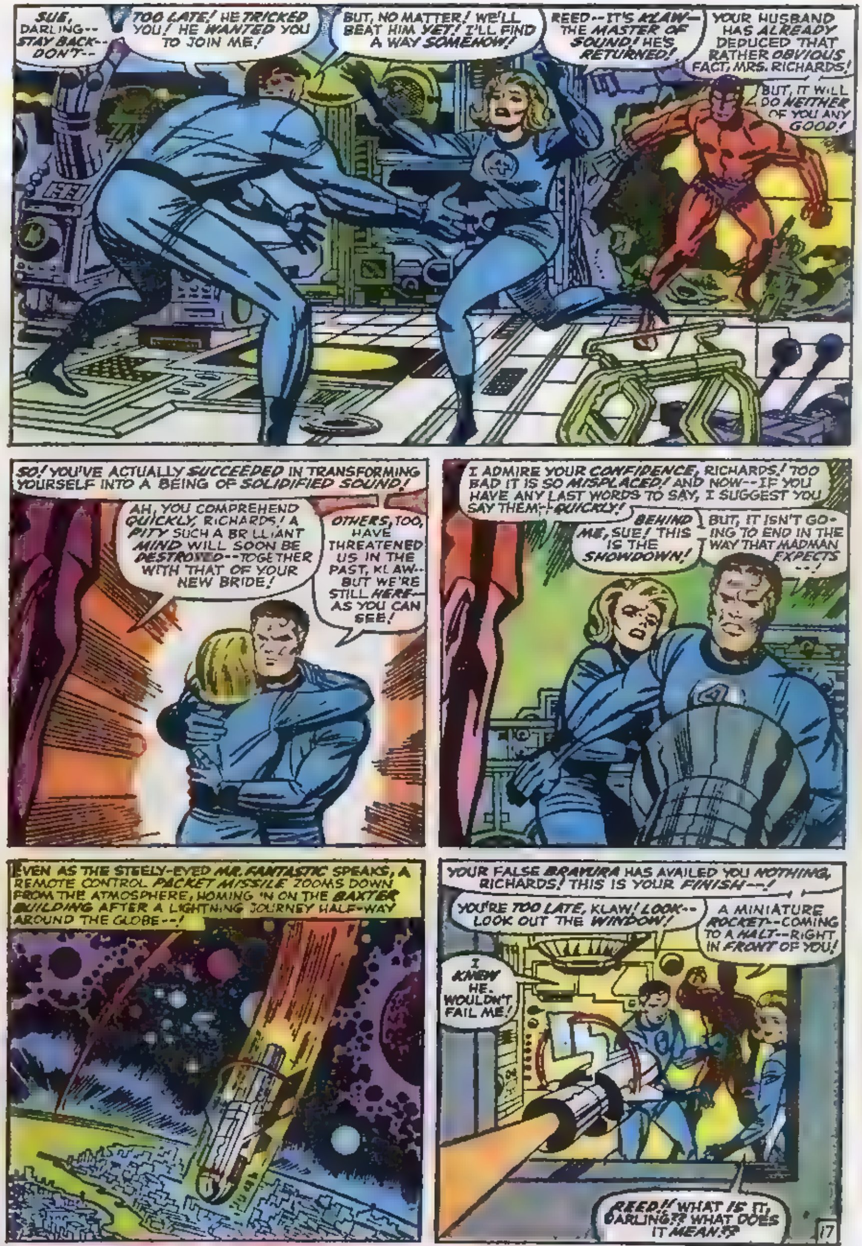

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YOU MISSED, KLAW! BUT YOU WON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE!
DARLING-- WHAT IS IT?? WHO DIDN'T FAIL YOU?
THE BLACK PANTHER!
KLAW'S SONIC BARRIER COULDN'T KEEP OUT RADIO WAVES, SO I SENT A MESSAGE TO AFRICA, ASKING FOR THESE TWO VIBRANIUM BANDS!
VIBRANIUM-- THE ONE ELEMENT WHICH ABSORBS SONIC ENERGY!
--THE ONE ELEMENT AGAINST WHICH EVEN THE MASTER OF SOUND HAS NO DEFENSE!
BOK!
I KNEW THE CHIEFTAIN OF THE WAKANDAS WOULDN'T LET ME DOWN -
- AND HE DIDN'T!
WAP!
YOUR SONIC BLAST IS USELESS AGAINST ME NOW--AND YOU KNOW IT!
SO LONG AS I WEAR THESE VIBRANIUM BANDS, YOUR POWER IS ABSORBED INTO NOTHINGNESS!
NO NO! STAY BACK! STAY BACK!
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EVEN THOUGH I CANNOT HARM YOU, I'LL BLAST THE FLOOR OUT FROM BENEATH YOUR FEET!
THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A THREAT, KLAW-- NOT TO A MAN WHO CAN STRETCH ENOUGH TO USE THE WALLS FOR SUPPORT!
BUT NOW--IT'S MY TURN TO ATTACK.
AND I'VE GOT POWERS YOU HAVEN'T EVEN DREAMED OF--!
SWOOOOOM!
N-NOOO..!
EVEN A SONIC BLAST CAN BE COMPLETELY SMOTHERED...
...LIKE THIS!
THWUSSH!
WHERE IS HE?? LEMME AT 'IM! I'LL PULVERIZE THE BUM!!
HEY! I DON'T GIT IT!! WHERE'D HE GO?
HE'S RIGHT HERE, BEN.
JUST LET ME UNWRAP MYSELF, AND YOU'LL SEE--!
I FORCED HIM TO DRAIN HIS LAST BIT OF SONIC ENERGY--- WHILE MY VIBRANIUM INSULATORS ABSORBED IT INTO NOTHINGNESS!
IN OTHER WORDS, OLD FRIEND... HE'S POWER-LESS NOW!
IT'S HIM! BUT WHAT'DJA DO TO 'IM??
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I'LL JUST MAKE SURE OF IT BY GITTIN' RIDDA THIS LITTLE SOUND-SHOOTER OF HIS!
REED, MY DARLING!! YOU DID IT! YOU DEFEATED HIM! BUT... LOOK AT YOU... YOU'VE BEEN HURT..!
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, HONEY! JUST A FEW BRUISES! BUT... IT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
IMAGINE! LOVER-BOY REED G TTIN' INTO A REAL CLOBBERIN' MATCH ALL BY HIS LONESOME!
IT'S KIND'A LIKE THE MILLINEEYUM!
BUT, WHAT WILL BECOME OF KLAW NOW? HOW CAN WE BE SURE HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MENACE MANKIND AGAIN WITH THAT HORRIBLE POWER OF HIS?
THE BLACK PANTHER FURNISHED THE PERFECT ANSWER, SUE!
THE POLICE CAN KEEP HIM SAFELY IMPRISONED WITHIN A CELL CONSTRUCTED OF RAW VIBRANIUM... LIKE THESE TWO WRIST BANDS I'M WEARING!
..AND, SPEAKING OF OUR FAR-OFF FRIEND...
I TRUST THE VIBRANIUM YOU REQUESTED ARRIVED IN TIME, REED RICHARDS?
JUST LIKE THE CAVALRY CHARGE IN A WESTERN FILM!
WE CAN ALL REST EASIER NOW, FOR KLAW ISN'T LIKELY TO THREATEN ANYONE EVER AGAIN!
BUT, WE OWE OUR VICTORY TO THE BLACK PANTHER!
YOU MUST TELL HIM HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE, DEAR!
THERE IS NO NEED FOR TALK OF GRATITUDE! A BOND EXISTS BETWEEN US... A BOND FAR STRONGER THAN MERE WORDS OF THANKS!
FOR TRULY, WE SHARE EACH OTHER'S RESPECT... EACH OTHER'S DEEP AND ABIDING FRIENDSHIP!
BOY! IF HONEST ABE WUZ BUSY, I'LL BET THE PANTHER COULDA WRIT THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS FOR 'IM WITHOUT BATTIN' AN EYE!
THERE IS NOBILITY IN THAT MAN, BEN!
BUT NOW, OUR SCENE CHANGES... AS WE VISIT A FAR-OFF KINGDOM IN A REMOTE SECTION OF EUROPE...
AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE... EVERYTHING I BEHOLD IS MINE!!
MY REALM! MY KINGDOM..
BUT WAIT! WHAT IS THAT??
A MAN!! FLYING OVER THE... NO! IT IS NOT A MAN!
IT IS FAR MORE THAN MERELY A MAN!
HE HAS COME TO REST... ATOP A MOUNTAIN... ATOP MY MOUNTAIN!
THUS, FATE HAS DELIVERED THE SILVER SURFER INTO MY HANDS!
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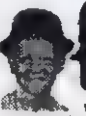

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ITEM: Instead of talking about US for a change, we wanna talk about YOU! That's right — YOU, the merry, madcap Marvelite who's holding our mag and reading this page right now. We figure this is as good a time as any to tell you how proud of you we are. Proud of the way you supported us when we first started the Marvel Age of Comics, and the way your support has never faltered thru all the growing pains we've experienced together. Proud of the way you've reacted good-naturedly to our "no-prize" idea — the revolutionary new concept in which we proclaimed that we never wanted any of our treasured readers to lose a contest — consequently, we would award nothing but "no-prizes", because if there were no winners, then there couldn't be any losers. Proud of the way you never made it necessary for us to bribe you in order to win your support — we never had to talk down to you — never had to compromise our principles, or yours — never had to try to alibi ourselves out of the many bonehead mistakes we've made over the years. Yep, to sum it up — we're reminded of Shelley Berman's great exit line to his audiences — "If my show was good, YOU'RE responsible!" We feel the same way. If our mags are good, it's because of YOU! And we just wanted you to know how we feel, and to repeat our credo — We'll never sell you short, frantic one — 'cause we're nothing without you!

ITEM: Our two latest and greatest 25¢ Special issues are on sale right now! Namely, the fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL, and the long-awaited SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL. The frolickin' F.F. ish features a battle between Johnny Storm, our handsome, hot-headed Human Torch, and the most spectacular character of the Golden Age of Comics — the gone-but-not-forgotten ORIGINAL Human Torch! And, as usual in all Marvel mags, the tale is neither imaginary, nor a dream sequence — it really happens! How? Well, there's one good way to find out, tiger! Then, as if that isn't enough, that same super-special block-busting issue features the most requested reprint in F.F. history — the now classic battle between the ever-lovin' Thing and the green-skinned, ungregarious Hulk! As for the SPIDEY SPECIAL, we tossed in everything but the kitchen sink—to make sure it would be the sensation of the century! The feature tale deals with your friendly neighborhood web-slinger first battling, and then attempting to join, the mighty Avengers! And, we mean the ORIGINAL Avengers, pal! Then, as if that isn't enough, we even tossed in a thrill-a-minute battle between Spidey and — who, HIM again? — the Incredible Hulk! For our robust reprint section of the mag, we're running two of the most popular Spidey vs. Doc Ock yarns — with not a comma cut! And, if that doesn't send you racing out to your newsstand in a fit of foraging frenzy, then we'll eat our MMMS membership cards!

ITEM: Don't miss STRANGE TALES #150, whatever you do! We've specially redesigned the masthead to give Dr. Strange equal billing with Nick Fury, and we think it's one of the wingiest looking titles around. If you like it, toss a bouquet at Jolly Solly Brodsky. If not, we're sorry we mentioned the whole thing!

ITEM: For those of you who've been demanding that Dazzlin' Don Heck ink his own pencilling, here's good news — starting with AVENGERS #32, ol' Donnie will do both the pencilling and inking on the mighty ones — and, for those of you who remember his breath-taking style from the good old days (like last week), we need say no more!

ITEM: Have you noticed how magnificently Gene Colan took over Johnny Romita's pencilling chores on the DAREDEVIL mag to give ol' Ring-A-Ding more time to lift Spidey to still greater heights of artistic glory? Both Jazzy Johnny and Gentleman Gene have become two of the fastest-rising stars in Marvel's firmament — and when you add them to such other greats as Jack "King" Kirby, Dashin' Don Heck, Wondrous Werner Roth, Darlin' Dick Ayers, Wild Bill Everett, and the dozens of other long-time Marvel luminaries, it's no wonder that Smilin' Stan sports that toothy grin of his all over the place!

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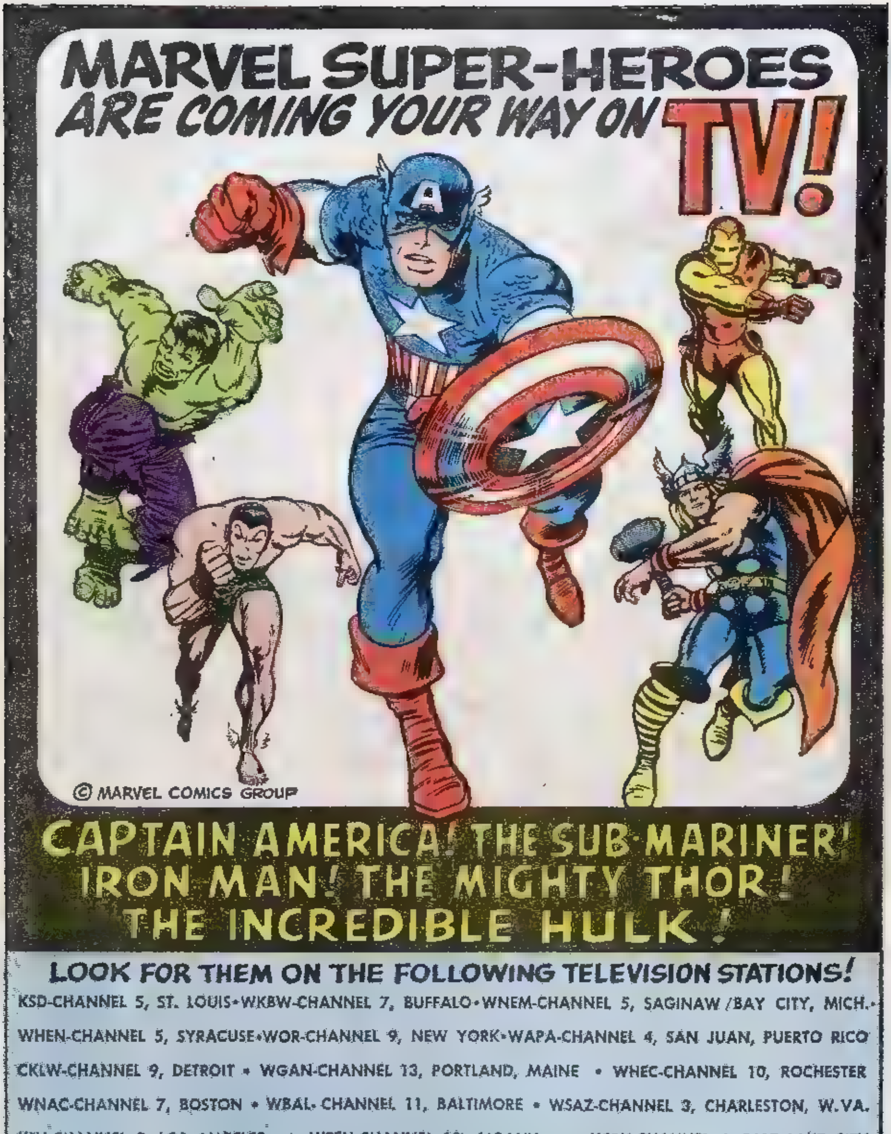
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Dear Stan and Jack,

I'd like to compliment you on your great comics. But—I don't know if you're going to believe this—they are not flawless! The terrible crime I wish to complain of is the way Kirby's beautiful battle scenes are completely ruined by your written sound effects. What I refer to is: "Ffoom!" "Zziirr!" "Sploow!" "Thwok!" etc.! Where the heck do you guys buy your dictionaries? I never complained when you did it now and then—but you're kind of overdoing it these days. Why not at least see what your other readers think? OK?

Manfred Sieke, 152 West 19th St.
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Okay! It'll break our hearts to have to give up all those *thwacks* and *ftoooms*, but you frantic ones are the bosses, as usual! So we'll see how the mail comes in. The only thing we were wondering about, Manny, is why didn't you include a *splitaung* or two—that's one of our favorites!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Love those mags! Two questions, though. In #53 of FF, there seem to be some discrepancies. On the last panel on page 15, Klaw states: "Thanks to you, I carry a deadly weapon in place of a right hand." Yet, on the last page (20) you show Klaw crawling into his sound transformer and he has *both* his left and his right hands! What gives? Another question: why would the Red Skull let the Sleepers be launched if he was still alive? I am referring to TALES OF SUSPENSE, #72, #73, #74. If the Red Skull thought he could conquer the world through *Them*, then why would he allow the Sleepers to be launched when he knew that they would destroy the world? Like, what happened? Other than these two questions, we don't question you one bit. You're the greatest! As a matter of fact, one of my roommates flunked his draft test because he was spending more time reading and rereading DD #18 than he was studying. His only question is: "Are Marvel Mags available in Saigon?"

Carlo, Paul, and Jim, 209 Barnard, CMU
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

You can bet on it, guys! We're gonna cop out on your question about the Sleepers, because that belongs in TALES OF SUSPENSE—and mostly because we don't know the answer! But, it looks as though we're stuck with Klaw's hand! Y'know, Carlo (and Paul, and Jim, too!), if we printed the name of every ravin' reader who wrote to us about that same goof, we'd need a letters page the size of a Sears-Roebuck catalog! We *could* say we did it to see if you were paying attention—or perhaps even try to invent some nutty excuse—but actually we just plain fell on our red faces again! The ish was late—we were rushing to get it to the printer in time—and presto, another monumental Marvel blunder which serves to prove that, despite what Brand Echh may claim, we're really only human!

Dear Stan and Jack,

No, you're not makin' boo-boos! In ish #53 of the FF, Bill Duff's letter gave me somethin' to write about! (Though I would've written anyway!) He asked if the Watcher can change size. Maybe he can! But in ish #134 of STRANGE TALES, page 2, panel 2, when the Watcher was talking to the Thing and Torch, he said, "As you know, I am one of the immortal Watchers!" Unless I'm wrong, that means that there is more than one Watcher!!!

Tom Spevak, 1001 Robert St.
La Porte, Ind.

Sure, Tommy, there's lots of 'em! In fact, Stan used to claim that his mother-in-law was one! But, we've gotta level with you—the other Watchers keep track of *different* galaxies. Our own special section of the universe is handled by the one Watcher whom we all know and love. (We're not sure, but we think his name may be Seymour). However, take a cat who's immortal, who can span the cosmos, who has power beyond description — couldn't a swinger like that change his size now and then? The defense rests! (Or, more accurately, it kinda expires!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

I would like to congratulate you on your series of comic magazines — also on your lively attack on Communism and your subtle use of real-life problems to bring out both the best and the worst in your fantastic, wacky, wonderful super-heroes. In particular, I mean F.F., Spider-Man, Daredevil, and the Avengers. Their human problems make these heroes among your best. Believe it or not, this is not the reason I wrote you. For, as you expected, you shall get your reaction about the Black Panther. It was my intention to write you last month about him, but I waited to see what his origin would be like. I was joyous about your breaking all the precedents of your profession, and introducing a Negro as a hero in the form of Sgt. Fury's Gabe Jones, and as the man-on-the-street. This subject, before the advent of Marvel, seemed to be an unwritten taboo, but now a real live Negro super-hero!!! This almost had me doing flip-flops and walking around in a daze, saying, "This is good . . . this is good . . ." His introduction, origin, and first fight against a real-live-super-villain were all superb! I hope to see him in his own comic soon. Yay for the gallant bullpen!

Henry B. Clay, III, 1196 Selden, #280
Detroit, Michigan

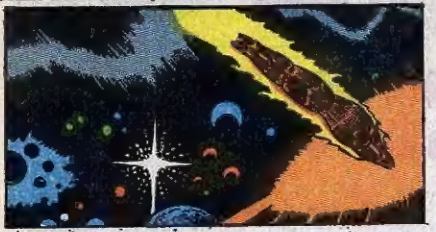
Thanks, Hank. As you may have suspected, we still haven't reached the point in life where praise leaves us cold and uncaring! We too are fond of the Black Panther—not because he's a Negro—but because he's a right Joe! In fact, isn't this the most important lesson to be learned—we're all entitled to our likes and dislikes—nobody has to be a Pollyanna—but let's base our opinion of a fellow human being on his basic qualities and character—*not* on the color of his skin, the name of his God, or the place of his birth! Perhaps a comic mag isn't the proper place for this type of discussion—and yet, there's just a chance that these pages, which are so widely perused by thinking readers thruout the world, are possibly one of the best places of all! 'Nuff said!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Merry Marvel Marcher #20830 reporting. Wow! The other night I was listening to Art Roberts on WLS radio in Chicago, and right after the latest chapter of "Peter Fugitive", Art mentioned Spidey and the Hulk! Art's a great DJ, and I'm glad he's on our side. FANTASTIC FOUR #53 was so saturated in glory, grandeur, greatness, and gallantry, that it shook the very molecules of immortal Asgard itself! In the continued story bracket, the foursome's fateful fights rank right alongside Thor's never-ending novel. Novel? Zowie! Another great idea! If and when your FF and THOR tales end—I kinda hope never—how about putting the whole blamed serial in hardback or paperback novel form? It might be the greatest thing since Spider-Man, so kick the idea around someday, okay? The Black Panther, Silver Surfer, and the Inhumans are great hero-villains, and I hope they get their own series someday. And give a diamond studded no-prize to Mr. Klaw for being "Dirtiest Villain of the Month". He ranks with Red Skull, Zemo, and General Von Krummpt. I want to deeply thank Stan, Jack, etc., even the guys who work in your stockroom, for losing sleep, making deadlines, and getting headaches just to make Marvel the best in the field!

Donald Jackson, 4004 Woodhaven Ave.
Baltimore, Maryland

Your kind words have been received, digested, and forever emblazoned in our bursting hearts, Don! Art Roberts is a favorite DeeJay of ours, too, and he's been doing a great job spreading the word about Marvel in the WLS listening area, which seems to include most of the Mid-West! As for doing paperback novels of our mixed-up masterpieces, we probably will someday, but every time we dream up a suitable plot, we like it so much that we decide to use it in our comic mag instead. (We've gotta admit it—our first love always was, and probably always will be, the cavortin' comic book which you're holding right now!)



Dear Stan and Jack,

If, as you have indicated in your tales of the Inhumans, the negative zone refuses to interact with any substance or force, and is self-sustaining once created, the Great Refuge should no longer be anywhere on Earth. Such a zone as you have postulated would not pass the gravitic quanta or force necessary to maintain mutual attraction between the Refuge and the Earth, with the result that when the zone came into being, it and its contents would no longer have been affected by the Earth's mass and, maintaining its intrinsic velocity, would have shot merrily off into space at a tangent to Earth's orbit. And, having been inerted while on the sunward side of the planet, it would have taken a sizeable chunk of the Earth with it—such a body would, though not reacting gravitically, have one property of an infinite mass: nothing stays in its way very long. Now, I realize that the Marvel universe wherein you find your characters and settings is not governed by the same set of natural laws that hold true in this universe. But, a continuum whose laws operate one way for one issue, and another for the next, kinda tends to shake me up. People, I have enough hang-ups of my own without ten different versions of a disorderly universe buggin' me at twelve cents apiece. I dig the bag of hip, healthy idiocy you cats put out, but how about using a little more logic? A spade may be a spade, but a plot-writer's pen begins to look like a shovel. Keep it cool and win.

Tim Fox, 14475 Sobey Road
Saratoga, Calif.

Timmy, we lova ya! You couldn't be righter! Our biggest problem seems to be keeping the somewhat disoriented Marvel universe in some semblance of order! But, when you constantly mess around with space/time warps and continuums, negative zones, intra-cosmic deviationary fields, and universes beyond the reaches of infinity, you're apt to get a little bit confused! So bear with us, erudite one, for verily thou hast the seeming of a true believer!

Dear Stan and Jack,

The Fantastic Four reached new heights of glory with the advent of the Inhumans, but they have been steadily going down the drain ever since. The first step was the appearance of Galactus in issue #48. Galactus: a scientific menace with a devilish apparatus for the elimination of life on Earth... blah!!! He was defeated, after the retribution of the foolish Silver Surfer, in three issues of pure trash. Issue #51 brought a definite upswing of the F.F. as a team. The Changeling served to bring out many of the inner emotions of the F.F. It almost looked as if the F.F. were going to live up to the claim of being "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine". Falsehoods all!! F.F. #52 was as bad as issues #48 through #50. "The Sensational Black Panther" was utterly depressing, with the exception of Wyatt Wingfoot. The same holds true for #53. As you sit there with tear-streaked faces, you chant, "What did we do wrong?" I will attempt to explain. In the past few issues, the F.F. have fought entirely new villains, with fiendish machines and traps for the F.F. to overcome. Galactus had his so-called "elemental-converter", and the Black Panther his "jungle" of traps for the F.F. to surmount. The next thing you know, the F.F. will be fighting "The Creature from beneath the Garbage Can", with his uncanny "Onion Gun". Finally, the Earth is saved as the F.F. defeat him with Reed's "Fantasti-kitchen Rubbish Disposal Unit". Enough!! Enough new menaces for the F.F. to battle! Enough super-scientific hogwash! It's time the F.F. met (or should I say, re-met) some of their old foes. Perchance the Sub-Mariner. Why not take a poll?

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